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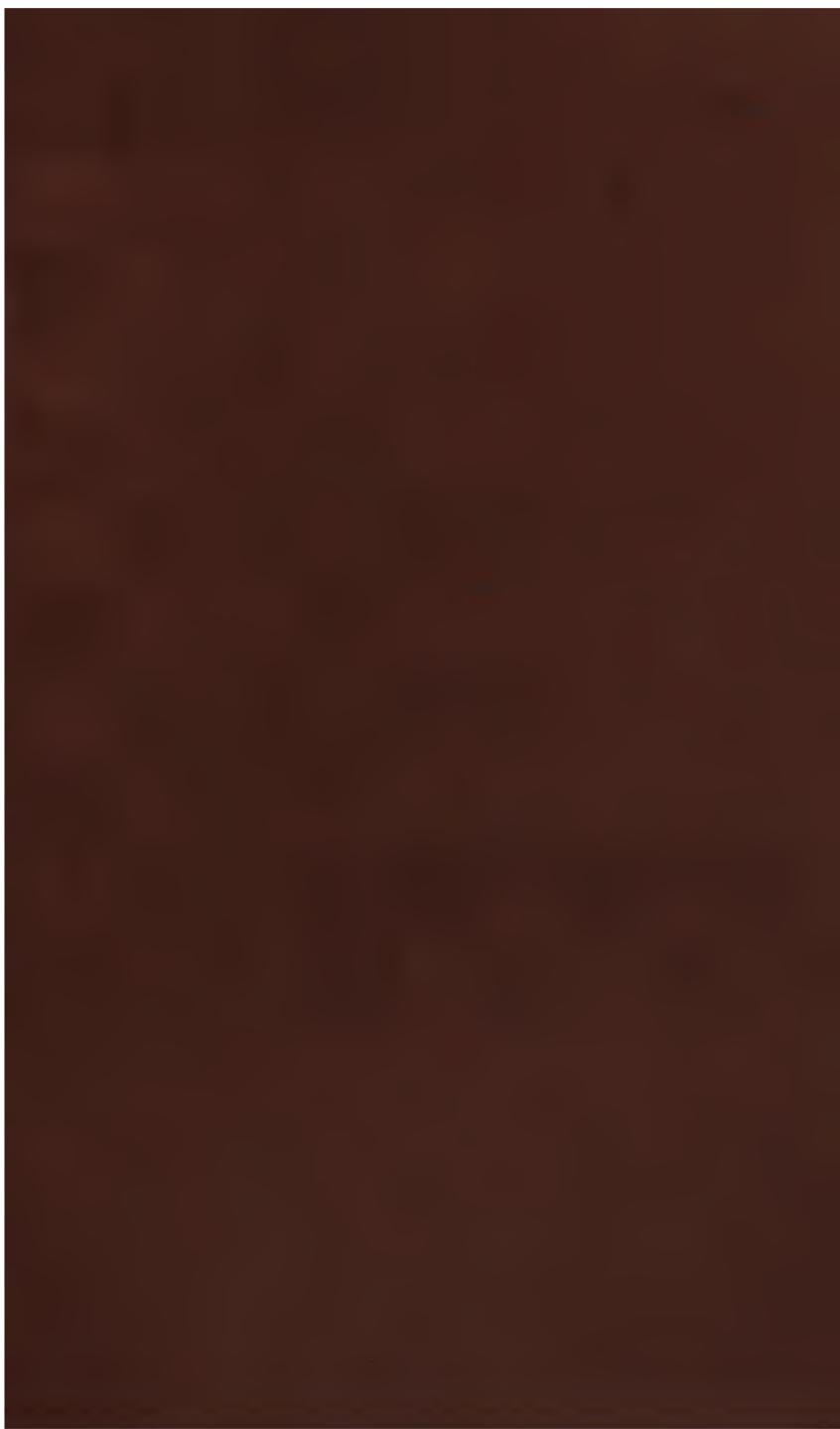
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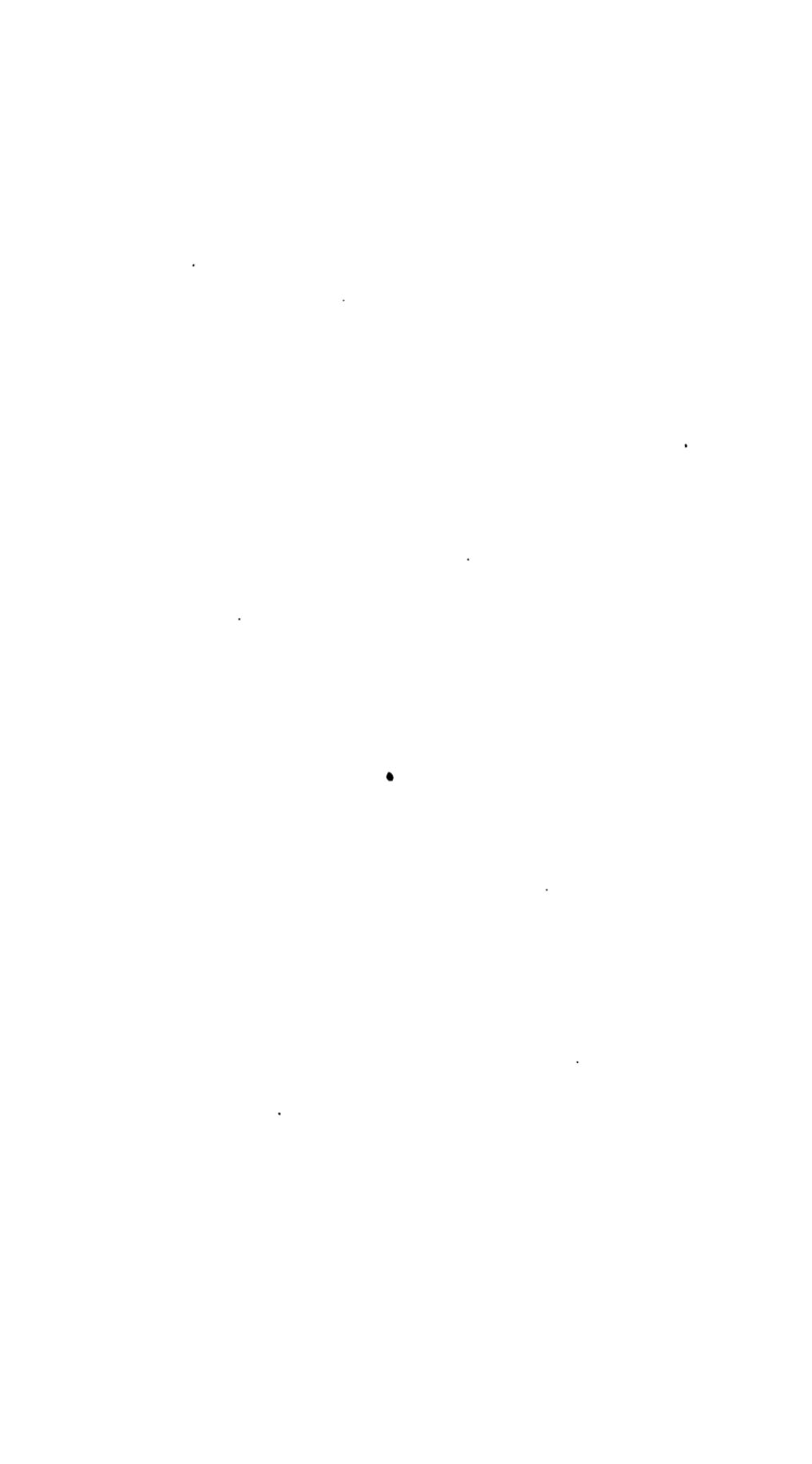
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**FORMS OF PRAYER  
TO BE  
USED IN FAMILIES,**

**AS  
SET FORTH IN THE PRAYER-BOOK:**

**TO WHICH ARE ADDED ~~SOME~~  
OCCASIONAL PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS,  
WITH  
HYMNS FOR FAMILY DEVOTION,**

**CHIEFLY FROM THE SAME SOURCE.**

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**GOD FORBID  
THAT I SHOULD GLORY  
SAVE IN THE CROSS OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

## Duty of Family Prayer.

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A few observations, as introductory to this little Manual, on the subject above named, I hope may be well received, and not be found unworthy of regard.

The Family is of Divine institution, and constitutes the basis of every well organized community, and all good society. Around it cluster the affections, and all things connected with it are hallowed by the association. It is the nursery of virtue, and of every generous emotion and ennobling sentiment; and so much so, that where virtue and morality, and the principles of religion are not found in connection with it, we look in vain for them elsewhere. The most lasting and effective impressions in respect to another world, and our duties to God and man in this, it may safely be averred, are obtained by the child before he leaves the parental fireside, and at a very early age; far earlier, perhaps, than most are aware. The responsibilities of parents, therefore, are very great, and such as may well make them tremble as they look soberly at them, in view of their own insufficiency and weakness, their want of wisdom, knowledge and strength. According to the influence they exert over their children, so may they expect their children to be, for this world and for the next. *'They have them*

under their control, and can form their habits and characters much as they choose. It is in their power to educate them for an honorable and virtuous life, or to bring them up to dishonor and shame. Through God's blessing on their exertions, they may, during their tender and forming age, nurture them for Heaven, making them the servants of Christ, "sanctified and meet for the Master's use;" or they may, through indifference and supineness, and, especially, by the bad examples they set before them, cause them to neglect the great salvation provided in the Gospel, and so to perish forever.

What parent seeing this, and no one with the Bible in his hands can help seeing it, even if reason and conscience do not teach him as much, can fail to be most seriously affected with the nature and weight of the responsibilities resting upon him? What one is there, who has neglected his child's moral and religious training, that will not shudder at what may possibly be the future condition of that child? nay, at what certainly will be his condition before God, as he suffers him to grow up in ignorance of the truths of the Gospel, in habitual violation of the Lord's day, and in constant transgression of God's most righteous laws? And how shall he, who has refused, or neglected to educate his children for Heaven, as well as for a virtuous life here, answer it to his God? What account will he have to render of the matter? What reason can he assign, what apology offer to the great Searcher of hearts, why he did not fulfil the trust committed to him? why he suffered, or rather caused *those whom* he brought into the world, and for whom

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Christ died, to perish? Will not their souls be required at his hands? Will he not be answerable for their ruin? And if so, what untold agonies must be his!

Now it is admitted that the right training of children is a most difficult task. No one is adequate to it who presents not in himself, in his daily walk and conversation, an example of what he would have *them* be—an example worthy their imitation; teaching them at the same time, as they are able to receive it, such moral and religious truth as is needful for them to know and practice. But all this even will avail nought without God's blessing on their endeavors. And for His blessing to be had, it must be sought, and sought by prayer. The parent, who would not fail in the right instruction and training of his children, must often frequent his closet, there to implore direction and assistance from on high. He must be an habitual attendant at the House of Prayer, taking his children with him as they become of suitable age, that he may honor God and obtain help of Him in His holy Sanctuary, and teach them to honor Him there also. And especially, as bearing directly on the good order of his Family and its christian nurture, must he gather his children around him, morning and evening, in Family devotion; praying with them and for them, and teaching them that, as the members of the same Church pray together, so should the members of the same Family.

Nothing so strikingly marks a christian household as Family Prayer. Nothing so strongly impresses children with the reality of religion. Nothing makes

them so much feel their constant, daily dependence on a sovereign God. And nothing, furthermore, so knits the hearts of all together, and unites the whole Family, as a Family, to Christ. Besides, no christian duty is so pleasant as this. What can be sweeter than for those, dear to each other as parents and children, husbands and wives, and brothers and sisters are, to bow down together before their merciful Father in Heaven, and make their supplications to Him, through the mediation of His dear Son, Who loved them and gave Himself for them? No more lovely spectacle is witnessed in this fallen world; and none has fonder remembrances, or more cherished associations.

And how, again, can one who is a parent, a father especially, neglect this duty, or treat it with disregard, when he knows the weight of his responsibility, and his need of Divine help? How can he leave his children in the morning, and go forth to the business of the day, without committing them to the protection of the Almighty, and asking the blessing of Heaven on his labors and efforts for their good? And how can he retire to his bed at night, when he knows not what its darkness may bring forth, before he has supplicated, on bended knees with them, Him Who never slumbers nor sleeps, to watch over and keep them, and his whole household in safety; rendering unto Him, at the same time, hearty thanks for the mercies and blessings of the day past? Many parents, many *christian* parents, it is sad to say, do this; never praying in their families from one year to *another*; never, perhaps, in their whole lives! But

how perilous a course is this ! how unwise ! how self-dependent, not to say self-willed ! how ungrateful ! how presumptuous ! What blessings does it not deprive them of ? What comforts does it not withhold from them ? How can they expect, as they pursue it, God's blessing on their Families, of which they stand in so much need ? How can they hope that their children will be even as religious as themselves ? Facts prove, painfully prove, that the neglect of Family Prayer, with the consequent lack of its necessary attendants and blessings, is a sure way to make religion lightly thought of on the part of the younger members of the household, (if not the older also,) and to encourage in them an irreverence for, and an inattention to, the all-important subject of the soul's salvation.

Wherefore permit me, you who are parents, or heads of families, as you value your own happiness, the happiness of your households, and especially the eternal well-being of those dearer to you than life ; permit me to urge upon you the setting up of the Family Altar, if it be not already erected ; or, if it be, to entreat that you will never allow it to be taken down. Gather your families about you every morning and every evening, as the Church teaches, and your duty and interest enjoin, and pray and praise and give thanks together. You shall find joy and comfort and sweetness and assurance as you go on in the practice of this holy duty, and the end will be crowned with the richest blessings.

As a means of encouraging you to perform this reasonable and delightful service, commended by

every consideration, and urged by every motive, I have caused to be printed for your use and assistance this little Manual. It contains, in large type, the forms prescribed for Family Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, with some additional prayers, mostly from the same incomparable Book. These you will find ordinarily sufficient, and there are none better. Use them faithfully, use them as the Prayer-Book directs, and you will wish no substitution, though you may sometimes desire the addition of others.

I close with a few brief suggestions.

1. In establishing Family Prayer, establish it for morning and evening both. Be not satisfied with morning, or evening alone, as some seem to be.
2. Fix upon some definite hours for the performance of this duty. The time for Evening Prayer should be before the faculties become drowsy, and also before any of the younger members retire for the night.

3. Be particular to have all the members of the Family present, if possible, and teach all to kneel.

4. Let nothing cause you to neglect or omit Family devotions, morning or evening ; no business, no company ; certainly not pleasure. The influence, if you do, will be bad on you, on your children, and on all.

5. Read some portion of the Word of God before prayers. The reading of the Bible in the order in which it is set forth in the "Tables of Lessons," is strongly to be commended. It is more interesting and profitable so read than in any other way. Children are fond of hearing, and when old enough can take *part themselves* in reading the Lessons.

6. Use the prayer for the Minister of the Parish on the days named, with humble, fervent supplication, that a blessing may come on him, and through him on you. That for your brethren, the members of the same Church with yourselves, you will, of course, not omit.

7. I ought to add my earnest desire that, as a part of the religious devotions of the Family, you will remember to ask the blessing of God on your meals. The forms given may be of service to that end. And those other forms which are added for secret prayer on entering and leaving Church, though not pertaining expressly to the Family, I hope you will be glad to use as designed, and if you faithfully do, I am sure you will find great profit from them, both in Church and out.

J. S.

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#### PUBLISHER'S NOTE.

As explanatory of the form of the foregoing exhortation, the Publishers desire to say that this little Manual was prepared by a Presbyter of the Church for the use of his own parishioners; but that they were of the opinion that there are many other Clergymen who would like to avail themselves of its use in their parish work.

They also supposed that there are, in the Church, many Heads of Families who prefer to offer their daily petitions in the words of their Spiritual Mother, thinking with the holy George Herbert that "NO OTHER PRAYERS ARE EQUAL TO THEM."

FORMS OF  
**PRAYER TO BE USED IN FAMILIES.**

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**Morning Prayer.**  
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**U**UR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Whom we live and move and have our being; We, Thy needy creatures, render Acknowledgment of God's mercy and preservation, especially through the night past. Thee our humble praises, for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this *day, and especially for having delivered us*

from the dangers of the past night. To Thy watchful providence we owe it,\* (that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling; but that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.) For these Thy mercies, we bless and magnify Thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for His sake Who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

\* When disturbances of any kind befall a family, instead of this, say, that notwithstanding our dangers, we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day.

**A**ND, since it is of Thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: in which resolution, do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Dedication of soul and body to God's service, with a resolution to be growing daily in goodness.

**B**UT, O God, Who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet

Prayer for grace to enable us to perform that resolution.

with; We humbly beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of Thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of Thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend Thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by Him Whom Thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we implore Thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abi-

For grace to guide  
and keep us the fol-  
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God's blessing on the  
business of the same.

ties and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways, \* (and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations.) Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

*\* On Sunday morning, instead of this, say, and let Thy Holy Spirit accompany us to the place of Thy public worship, making us serious and attentive, and raising our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, that we may fervently join in the prayers and praises of Thy Church, and listen to our duty with honest hearts, in order to practice it.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## Evening Prayer.

**O**UR Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**M**OST merciful God, Who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before Thee, in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws. \* But, O gracious Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, Who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the

Confession of sins, with a prayer for contrition and pardon.

\* Here let him who reads make a short pause, that every one may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.

sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**A**ND lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, Vouchsafe us, we beseech Thee, the direction and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice: that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards men: That so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A**ND accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. The intercession.  
Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto Thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve Thee faithfully. Bless

all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion and virtue. Send down Thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do Thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for His sake Who went about doing good, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**T**O our prayers, O Lord, we  
join our unfeigned thanks The Thanksgiving.  
for all Thy mercies; for our  
being, our reason, and all other endowments  
and faculties of soul and body; for our health,  
friends, food, and raiment, and all the other  
comforts and conveniences of life. Above all,  
we adore Thy mercy in sending Thy only Son  
into the world, to redeem us from sin and eter-  
nal death, and in giving us the knowledge and  
sense of our duty towards Thee. We bless  
Thee for Thy patience with us, notwithstanding  
*our many* and great provocations; for all

the directions, assistances, and comforts of Thy Holy Spirit; for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day: beseeching Thee to continue these Thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to His laws, through Whose merits and intercession we received them all, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we beseech Thee to continue Thy gracious protection to us this night.—Prayer for God's protection through the night following. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die: so that, living and dying, we may be Thine, through the merits and satisfaction of Thy Son Christ Jesus, in Whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS  
AND  
THANKSGIVINGS.

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**A Prayer for the Minister of the Parish, to be used especially on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

**M**OST gracious God, Who of Thy wise providence hast appointed divers Orders in the Church, which Thy well-beloved Son hath purchased to Himself, promising to be with the Ministers of the Apostolic Succession to the end of the world ; Be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him, who is set over us in the Lord, and appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise to Thee in the house which is called by Thy Name. So replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before Thee, and the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart be always acceptable in Thy sight. To Thee and to Thy service may he devote himself, soul, body, and spirit, with all their powers and faculties. Fill his memory with the words of Thy Law ; enlighten his understanding with the illumination of the Holy Ghost, and may all the wishes and desires of his will center *in what Thou hast commanded.* And that he may be

instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people committed to his charge, grant that he may faithfully administer Thy holy Sacraments, and by his life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word. Be ever with him, we beseech Thee, in the performance of all the duties of his ministry ; in prayer, to quicken his devotion ; in praises, to heighten his love and gratitude ; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression suitable to the clearness and excellency of Thy holy Word. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for the Members of the Church, to be used especially on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

**O** GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful, Visit, we pray Thee, all the members of this Church and Parish with Thy love and favor. Give unto them the abundance of Thy grace, that with one heart they may desire the prosperity of Thy holy, Apostolic Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the Saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism ; and let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. Enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel, graft in their hearts a love of the truth, and ever increase in them true religion, that they may daily grow in favor with Thee and in charity towards men. And to this end make them diligent in the study of Thy Word, faithful and zealous in the duty of prayer, and constant and devout in worshiping Thee in Thy

holy temple ; never forsaking the assembling of themselves together for this purpose, especially on Thy holy Day. Bless and prosper them in all their endeavors for the good of Thy Church, for the salvation of their own souls, and the souls of others. Nourish them with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy, keep them in the way of truth, righteousness and holiness, O blessed Spirit, Whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**For an Adult of the Family when sick.**

**O**FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need ; Look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, behold, visit, and relieve *this* Thy sick servant, for whom we make our prayers. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy ; comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness ; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy ; give *him* patience under *his* affliction ; and, in Thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory. Or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For a Child of the Family when sick.**

**O**ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death ; Look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the

eyes of mercy upon *this child*, now lying upon the bed of sickness : Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation ; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake : That, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation. Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**For the Family when in Affliction.**

**M**ERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, Who hast taught us in Thy holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men ; Look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows of us Thy afflicted servants. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble, and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy ; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to us ; endue our souls with patience under our affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will ; comfort us with a sense of Thy goodness ; lift up Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**For One of the Family when going on a Journey.**

ETERNAL God, Who alone spreadest out the heavens, and controllest all things upon earth, holding the winds and the waters in subjection to Thy will ; We commend to Thy Almighty protection *this Thy servant*, for whose preservation on *his* expected journey we humbly pray. Guard *him*, we beseech Thee, from all dangers by the way ; from sickness, from accident, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the place where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies, and a heart to praise Thee for all Thy goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer \* which may be said, Morning or Evening, by Parents in behalf of their Children.**

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, Who hast promised children as a reward to the righteous ; We bless Thy holy Name for the children Thou in Thy mercy hast given us. Be pleased to be a Father unto them, and give them healthful bodies, understanding minds, obedient hearts and sanctified spirits, that they may be Thy children and Thy servants all their days. Let Thy great mercy and watchful providence lead them in safety through all the dangers and temptations and ignorances of their childhood and youth, that they may never run into folly and the evils of unrestrained appetites and passions. And so order the circumstances of their lives that by good education, careful instruction, holy example, innocent company, prudent counsels, and Thy restraining grace, their love and obedience to

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\* Chiefly from Bp. Jeremy Taylor.

Thee may be secured, and they be Thine forever. If it seem good in Thy sight, enable us to provide suitably for their support, that they may not be destitute and suffer the want of such things as are needful for them. And shouldest Thou call us from this world before they have ability to provide for themselves, let their portion be Thy care and mercy, with Thy good providence over them, all their days. And may they never live vicious lives, nor die violent or untimely deaths ; but may they be docile and affectionate, dutiful to their parents, and loving unto all men, and through their whole lives honor and serve Thee, that in the end they may be co-heirs with Thy ever blessed Son in the glories of Thy eternal kingdom, through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A Thanksgiving for the Recovery of a Member of the Family from Sickness.**

**O** GOD, Who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety ; We bless Thy Name, that, to the great joy and gladness of our hearts, Thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* Thy servant, (or *this* child.) Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. \* May *his* heart, with ours, be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness to *him*, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

\* If a child, instead of what follows, say, *May our hearts be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and his life be still precious in Thy sight, that he may live to praise Thee and be saved through Thy grace. And help us, in grateful recognition of Thy mercies, to devote the residue of our days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**A Thanksgiving for the safe Return of One of the Family from a Journey.**

**M**OST gracious Lord, Whose mercy is over all Thy works, We praise Thy holy Name, that Thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety through the perils of *his* journey, *this* Thy *servant*, who now with us desireth to return Thee thanks for Thy great mercies to *him*. May *he* be duly sensible of Thy merciful providence towards *him*, and ever express *his* thankfulness by a holy trust in Thee, and obedience to Thy laws ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Thanksgiving on the Birth of a Child.**

**O** ALMIGHTY God, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for Thy great goodness unto us in the birth of this child. As for all Thy other mercies, so especially we praise Thee for this heavenly gift. May its life be precious in Thy sight. Regard its weakness and tenderness, and let no evil accident or disease come upon it. Give us, through Thy grace, wisdom and strength to provide suitably for it, and to nurture it for Heaven ; that, if it shall please Thee to spare its life, it may be Thine in this world, and Thine forever in the world above. Bring strength out of weakness both to mother and child, and evermore we will give thanksgiving and praise unto Thy holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**A Form for secret Prayer on entering Church, before Divine Service.**

**M**ERCIFUL Father, as I am permitted once more in Thy goodness, to enter Thine earthly courts, may I remember in Whose presence I am, and for what purpose I have come up hither. Give unto me the assistance of Thy heavenly grace, that I may confess my sins with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart. Enable me to render unto Thee suitable thanks and praise for the great benefits I have received at Thy hands. Hear me when I ask, with Thy faithful People, those things which are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. May I listen attentively and devoutly to Thy Word as read and preached. Give me an understanding mind, and put good desires into my heart. Keep my thoughts from wandering, and my lips from uttering vain and irreverent words while in Thy house. Be this day with Thy servant who ministers to us in holy things ; and may Thy Word, spoken by his mouth, be profitable unto me for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. What I ask for myself, I entreat also for all Thy People here assembled to worship Thee, in the Name and through the merits of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**A Form for secret Prayer after Divine Service, before leaving Church.**

**T**HANK Thee, my heavenly Father, for the opportunity I have now had, through Thy grace, of again worshiping Thee in Thy holy temple, and receiving instruction from Thy Word. Pardon whatever thou hast seen amiss in me,—my wandering

thoughts, my imperfect desires, my lack of attention and devotion, and all my short-comings before Thee. Grant the things I have sincerely prayed for, and accept the offerings of thanksgiving and praise which I have made in Thy Son's Name. If, through Thy merciful providence, I am permitted again to come into Thy house, with Thy faithful People, to do Thee service, may it be with a better preparation of my heart, and of still greater benefit to my soul. Or, should this be the last time I shall tread Thine earthly courts, Oh let the words of Thy truth which I have this day heard, through Thy all-quickenning Spirit serve to prepare me for death, and make me meet for the inheritance of the Saints in light. Hear me, O Thou Who hearest prayer; pardon all my sins, and grant me Thy salvation, through Thine infinite mercies in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, Who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession, for me. Amen.

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**Grace before Meals.**

**B**ESTOW Thy blessing, merciful Father, upon this provision of Thy goodness, that it may nourish and strengthen our frail bodies; and feed our souls with the bread of heaven unto eternal life; through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Or this.*

**B**LESS, heavenly Father, to our use, the food set before us, and us to Thy service; and with all Thy gifts, give us grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMNS  
FOR  
MORNING AND EVENING DEVOTION,  
FROM THE PRAYER-BOOK.

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From HYMN 162. II. 3.

**Daily Dependence.**

**W**HEN, streaming from the eastern skies,  
The morning light salutes mine eyes,  
O Sun of Righteousness divine,  
On me with beams of mercy shine ;  
Chase the dark clouds of sin away,  
And turn my darkness into day.

- 2 When to heaven's great and glorious King  
My morning sacrifice I bring ;  
And, mourning o'er my guilt and shame,  
Ask mercy, Saviour, in Thy Name ;  
My conscience sprinkle with Thy blood,  
And be my advocate with God.
- 3 As every day Thy mercy spares  
Will bring its trials and its cares,  
O Saviour, till my life shall end,  
Be Thou my counsellor and friend :  
Teach me Thy precepts, all divine,  
And be Thy pure example mine.
- 4 When each day's scenes and labors close,  
And wearied nature seeks repose,  
With pardoning mercy richly blest,  
Guard me, my Saviour, while I rest :  
And, as each morning sun shall rise,  
O lead me onward to the skies.

## From HYMN 164. L. M.

**Morning Hymn.**

**G**LORY to Thee, Who safe hast kept,  
And hast refresh'd me while I slept :  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless life partake.

- 2 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew ;  
Scatter my sins as morning dew ;  
Guard my first spring of thought and will,  
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
- 3 Direct, control, suggest this day,  
All I design, or do, or say,  
That all my powers, with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite.
- 4 Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below ;  
Praise Him above, angelic host ;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## HYMN 166. C. M.

**Morning.**

**T**O Thee let my first offerings rise,  
Whose sun creates the day,  
Swift as his gladdening influence flies,  
And spotless as his ray.

- 2 This day Thy favoring hand be nigh,  
So oft vouchsafed before ;  
Still may it lead, protect, supply,  
And I that hand adore.
- 3 If bliss Thy Providence impart,  
For which, resign'd, I pray,  
Give me to feel a cheerful heart,  
And grateful homage pay.

4 Affliction should Thy love intend,  
 As vice or folly's cure,  
 Patient, to gain that gracious end,  
 May I the means endure.

5 Be this and every future day  
 Still wiser than the past ;  
 And when I all my life survey,  
 May grace sustain at last.

## HYMN 167. III. 1.

## Morning.

**N**OW the shades of night are gone ;  
 Now the morning light is come ;  
 Lord, may we be thine to-day ;  
 Drive the shades of sin away.

2 Fill our souls with heavenly light,  
 Banish doubt and clear our sight ;  
 In Thy service, Lord, to-day,  
 May we labor, watch and pray.

3 Keep our haughty passions bound ;  
 Save us from our foes around ;  
 Going out and coming in,  
 Keep us safe from every sin.

2 When our work of life is past,  
 O receive us then at last ;  
 Night and sin will be no more,  
 When we reach the heavenly shore.

## HYMN 169. L. M.

## Evening.

**G**REAT God, to Thee my evening song  
 With humble gratitude I raise :  
 O let Thy mercy tune my tongue,  
 And fill my heart with lively praise.

2 My days unclouded as they pass,  
     And every onward rolling hour,  
     Are monuments of wondrous grace,  
     And witness to Thy love and power.

3 And yet this thoughtless, wretched heart,  
     Too oft regardless of Thy love,  
     Ungrateful, can from Thee depart,  
     And from the path of duty rove.

4 Seal my forgiveness in the blood  
     Of Christ, my Lord ; His Name alone  
     I plead for pardon, gracious God,  
     And kind acceptance at Thy throne.

5 With hope in Him mine eyelids close,  
     With sleep refresh my feeble frame ;  
     Safe in Thy care may I repose,  
     And wake with praises to Thy Name.

## HYMN 170. C. M.

**Evening.**

**N**OW from the altar of our hearts,  
     Let flames of love arise ;  
     Assist us, Lord, to offer up  
     Our evening sacrifice.

2 Minutes and mercies multiplied  
     Have made up all this day ;  
     Minutes came quick, but mercies were  
     More swift, more free than they.

3 New time, new favors, and new joys,  
     Do a new song require ;  
     Till we shall praise Thee as we would,  
     Accept our hearts' desire.

## HYMN 171. S. M.

**Evening.**

**T**HE day is past and gone ;  
 The evening shades appear :  
 O may we all remember well  
 The night of death draws near.

2 We lay our garments by,  
 Upon our beds to rest ;  
 So death shall soon disrobe us all  
 Of what is here possest.

3 Lord, keep us safe this night,  
 Secure from all our fears ;  
 May angels guard us while we sleep,  
 Till morning light appears.

## HYMN 172. III. 1.

## Psalm cxli. 2.

**S**OFTLY now the light of day  
 Fades upon my sight away ;  
 Free from care, from labor free,  
 Lord, I would commune with Thee :

2 Thou, Whose all-pervading eye  
 Nought escapes, without, within,  
 Pardon each infirmity,  
 Open fault, and secret sin.

3 Soon, for me, the light of day  
 Shall forever pass away ;  
 Then, from sin and sorrow free,  
 Take me, Lord, to dwell with Thee :

4 Thou Who, sinless, yet hast known  
 All of man's infirmity ;  
 Then, from Thine eternal throne,  
 Jesus, look with pitying eye.

## HYMN 173. IV. 2.

## Evening.

**I**NSPIRER and hearer of prayer,  
Thou shepherd and guardian of Thine,  
My all to Thy covenant care,  
I, sleeping or waking, resign.

- 2 If Thou art my shield and my sun,  
The night is no darkness to me ;  
And, fast as my minutes roll on,  
They bring me but nearer to Thee.
- 3 A sovereign protector I have,  
Unseen, yet forever at hand ;  
Unchangeably faithful to save,  
Almighty to rule and command.
- 4 His smiles and His comforts abound,  
His grace, as the dew, shall descend ;  
And walls of salvation surround  
The soul He delights to defend.











